



National Catholic Council on Addictions

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*God...grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.*



NCCA
offers
The promise
of
Hope!

ABOUT US

Across the United States, the problems of alcoholism and other drug addictions continue to take their toll on the health and very lives of individuals and families of all races, cultures and beliefs. In Catholic parishes in every state, priests, women and men religious, brothers, deacons, lay ministers and parishioners are seeing that these problems are so often the cause of family grief, family conflicts, lost jobs, destroyed marriages, children experiencing school problems and health problems. There is a growing interest and commitment by many Catholic parishes to address these addiction issues. One way to begin tackling this daunting task is to create strong "parish out-reach ministry" programs. The National Catholic Council on Addictions (NCCA) is working to help priests, women and men religious, brothers, deacons, lay ministers and parishioners by serving as a resource center of information for all of these parish ministries. The mission of NCCA is carried forth as a service of Guest House, a premier addiction treatment center for Catholic clergy and men and women religious. Please consider registering as a supporter with us to spread the NCCA ministry.

FOUNDED

The NCCA was originally founded in 1949 through the work of an American Catholic priest- Fr. Ralph Pfau. Through Fr. Pfau's dedication and commitment, many Catholic priests, religious and lay persons found recovery and were restored to the faith family, leading productive and hopeful lives. Carrying out Fr. Pfau's example and dedication, the NCCA continues as an educational forum for the understanding of alcoholism and other addictions. In the Body of Christ, when one suffers, all suffer. With healing, through the grace of God, the Church is strengthened.

MISSION STATEMENT

The National Catholic Council on Addictions, affiliated with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, is committed to assisting its members to a greater awareness and acceptance of alcoholism, other chemical addictions and prevention issues. Primary goals of its mission are:

- To educate members of the Church about alcoholism and related drug problems.
- This will be accomplished through an annual conference, and upon request, regional and diocesan workshops, educational programs in Catholic schools and parishes, institutions of higher learning, houses of formation and seminaries.
- To promote appropriate treatment for all clergy, religious and lay persons of the Catholic Church in the United States;
- To cooperate with other organizations which have aims and purposes similar to those of the NCCA.

RESOURCES

We offer the following helpful resources:

- Prayer Booklet, "Prayers for Addicted Persons and Their Loved Ones";
- Serenity Book Mark with support information;
- Pocket size calendar with prayers and inspirational quotes;
- Brochures and NCCA Blue Books that focus on past conference speakers and issues.

(Some of these resources are also available in Spanish.)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Assistance with creating a Substance Abuse Ministry program (SAM) for parishes- an NCCA member or Guest House Alumnus may offer help in this area;
- Speakers Bureau of experts on various addiction topics who are available for educational programs;
- Annual Conference and workshops, both national and regional, that offer experts in the field of addiction, who believe in the all-important spiritual dimension of sobriety, which is the basic 12 Step Recovery.

HOW TO BECOME A SUPPORTER & CONTACT INFORMATION

Your support helps to extend the mission to others.

Annual Dues:

Personal:	\$35	Gold:	\$1,000
Corporate/Parish:	\$250	Platinum:	\$5,000

For further information on NCCA activities and resources, go to www.nccatoday.org.

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